



## Ronald E. Barnett

August 10, 1936 - October 20, 2022

Ronald E. Barnett, age 86 years, a resident of the Glendale community in rural Pope County Illinois since 1982, and a native of Williamson County, passed away Thursday evening, October 20, 2022, at 8:31 PM at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Ron was born August 10, 1936 in Pittsburg, Illinois. He was the youngest of three children born to Raymond William Barnett and Essie (Boyd) Barnett.

On August 24, 1957, Ron was united in marriage to Suzanne Simpson at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, north of Marion. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Ron is survived by: his children – Steven (his wife, Beresa) Barnett of Goreville, Ronald “Bruce” (his wife, Lorie) Barnett of Navarre, Florida, and Laura (her husband, Jeff) Evitts of the Glendale community; 12 grandchildren – Tara Lynn, Erica Leigh, Taylor Elizabeth, Heather Louise, Michael Bruce, Samantha Lynn, Brittney Alexandra, Ashton Leigh, Austin Earl, Charles Nicholas, Shelly Renee’, and Sarah Lynn; and 18 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by: a sister – Rosetta Lee Hendrickson and a brother – Robert Moses Barnett.

Ron was a 1955 graduate of Marion Township High School, where he excelled at football. Ron also played football at Southern Illinois University. Ron was an office employee for a time at Firestone Tire and Rubber in the St. Louis, Missouri office and later in the Marion, Illinois office. He accepted a position with Williams Furniture Company in Marion, IL as a salesman. Ron later founded Barnett's Furniture in Marion in 1959. He owned and operated that location until selling to his son, Bruce, in 1981. The family also operated furniture stores in Salem, Woodlawn, and in 1983 they opened a location in Glendale, which is still operated by Ron and Suzanne's daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Jeff Evitts. Ron spent 49 years serving Southern Illinois in the furniture business.

Ron was very interested in encouraging and promoting youth in their endeavors. He had formerly coached youth baseball teams at Ray Fosse Park. Also, for many years, he was the youth Sunday School teacher at Second Baptist Church in Marion, Illinois.

Ron and Suzanne worshipped at the Glendale United Methodist Church. Ron has served as chairman of the church council, a church trustee and both he and Suzanne were very involved in the music ministry of the church.

In his youth, Ron enjoyed bird hunting and stock car racing. Although taking up the sport later in life, Ron became an avid golfer. He was also a staunch fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

A service honoring the life of Ronald E. Barnett will be conducted Monday afternoon, October 24, 2022, at 1 PM at the Glendale United Methodist Church, 464 Illinois State Highway 145 North, Simpson, Illinois.

Pastor Pete Ryan will officiate.

Burial will be in the Glendale Cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted Monday, October 24, 2022, from 11 AM – 1 PM at the Glendale United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Glendale Cemetery Fund, c/o Charlotte Benard, 45 Cedar Grove Road, Simpson, IL 62985.

# Cemetery Details

## Glendale Cemetery

IL State Route 145  
Simpson, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Glendale United Methodist Church  
464 Illinois State Route 145 North  
Simpson, IL 62995

## Service

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PR

“ I am so saddened to hear this. Ron and Susie were precious people. You really cannot say one name without the other. Susie my heart bleeds for you. He was your partner in life. You both were rockd for me during my lowest time. I shall cherish my memories of Ron and you. I have wondered at times just how you guys were doing. May the good Lord bless you and keep His loving arms around you during this trying time. Bless all the Barnett's.

Priscilla McNeely Rowland - August 23, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ Ronald E. Barnett

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM

EZ

“ Nina and I are so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. He was such a good man, and great friend to my Dad. I always enjoyed talking with him after church when visiting my parents. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Eric and Nina Zinn - October 26, 2022 at 01:45 PM

BB

“ Bill&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett



Bill&Nancy Belford - October 25, 2022 at 04:16 PM

GB

“ We bought our first furniture, table and chairs, a bedroom suite, and a television from Ronnie when he had the store on North Market in Marion, IL. We still have the bedroom suite. We enjoyed doing business with him and missed him when he sold out. However, some years later we went to the store in Glendale and saw him there. He said he remembered us. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Gary and Sharon Bundren** - October 24, 2022 at 03:56 PM

MM

We are so sorry to learn of Ronnies passing. I still have the Dining Room and Bedroom Furniture we purchased from Ron and Suzanne. They were my Sunday School Teachers years ago and became my Neighbors. Love this Family and sorry we didn't know in time to come to the Funeral.

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**Mary(White) and Don McNail** - October 28, 2022 at 03:18 PM

JL

“ I am very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I remember the good times we had when our families got together. He was a good man and good community leader. 🙏🙏🙏

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**Jeff Lee** - October 23, 2022 at 08:29 PM

JH

“ Jill Hartman lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett



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**Jill Hartman** - October 23, 2022 at 05:21 PM

WT

“ With sympathy, Steve and Meg Tallyn purchased the Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin for the family of Ronald E. Barnett.



With sympathy, Steve and Meg Tallyn - October 23, 2022 at 04:34 PM

SN

“ Sam Riley & Debbie Newton lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett



Sam Riley & Debbie Newton - October 23, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Barnett.



October 23, 2022 at 02:48 PM

DS

“ Dale And Kathy Schierbaum lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett



Dale and Kathy Schierbaum - October 23, 2022 at 01:24 PM

JM

“ *Jeff & Sherry Moore lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett*



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**jeff & sherry moore** - October 23, 2022 at 09:29 AM

DP

“ *Deborah Poe lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett*



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**Deborah Poe** - October 22, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Barnett.*



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October 22, 2022 at 08:20 PM

MF

“ *We are deeply saddened for the loss of Ronald Barnett*

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**Mike and Kim Lee and family** - October 22, 2022 at 08:11 PM

AB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my uncle. I wished that I could have seen him just one more time before he left this world. He was a good man with a huge heart! Prayers for the rest of the family and friends. You will never be forgotten! RIP Uncle Ronnie.



Angie Brock - October 22, 2022 at 06:47 PM

SN

“ we are so sorry for ron';s passing. he was much loved and will be missed.it was a great pleasure to be around him.had a great gift for making you feel welcomed in his home.

sneed - October 22, 2022 at 03:58 PM

CF

“ Richard and I are so sorry to hear the passing of Ronnie. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time. Richard always enjoyed a round of golf with Ronnie. We know he will be missed by many.



Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen

c Joan Faulkner - October 22, 2022 at 12:49 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett



Teresa Richerson - October 22, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Barnett.*



October 22, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Barnett.*



October 22, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett*



**John Slack** - October 22, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Always enjoyed playing golf with Ronnie and visiting with Ron and Suzanne. A good man will be missed by everyone that knew him. R.I.P.*

**Jim Hodges** - October 22, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Barnett.*



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October 21, 2022 at 11:53 PM



“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett*



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**David and Ellen Hill** - October 21, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ *We hauled rock for his store and built the parking lot—Ron was always great to work with! Jerry & Margaret Mathis*

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**Margaret Mathis** - October 21, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett*



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**Dorothy Bacon** - October 21, 2022 at 09:55 PM

CH

“ *Carolyn Harris lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett*



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**Carolyn Harris** - October 21, 2022 at 09:52 PM

AB

“ *Anita L Bullock lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett*



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**Anita L Bullock** - October 21, 2022 at 08:22 PM

WB

“ *Wm & Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Barnett*



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**wm & Nancy Belford** - October 21, 2022 at 07:25 PM

PS

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Ron was always delightful when I was around him. I'll be thinking of you Suzanne.*

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**Pat Stockdale** - October 21, 2022 at 06:43 PM

TB

“ *I'm so very sorry, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
He was a true gentle man. He cared.*



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**TBoaz** - October 21, 2022 at 06:37 PM